

HELP KEEP OUR SCHOOL SPECIAL

We are pleased to report that again last year, the commitment of our parents has enabled our school to provide a rich, whole child education to every SunRidge student. Voluntary parent pledges for 2009-10 totaled over \$205,000, about 13% of our total revenue. These essential funds enabled us to provide all the things that our limited state funding cannot: Specialty classes in Handwork, Spanish, Movement, Eurythmy, Choir, Woodworking, Instrumental Music, Gardening, and teaching assistants in kindergarten and first grade. Clearly, SunRidge parents make what we do possible.

The “bad news”, however, is that the State’s fiscal crisis has resulted in a continuing and severe funding crisis for schools. Reduced state funding for this year forced us to make over \$100,000 in painful cuts to core teaching and administrative positions. We must continue to keep our pledge program strong this year to avoid further cuts and, hopefully, to generate enough funds to enable us to begin bringing back the valued programs that we could not offer this year.

Simply put, we need every family that can to pledge \$225 per month per child. If most families contribute this amount we will generate the funds needed. Of course, everyone’s financial situation is different. It is expected that most families—if they consider it a very high priority—can contribute that amount. Others will not be able to afford that amount and will need to contribute less. If each of us participates to the *highest* degree we are able, it will work in a fair way, and every child will receive the benefit. If too many parents do not participate to the highest degree they are able, we will not raise enough funds, and our unique educational program will be in jeopardy. With this in mind, please make a pledge commitment of \$225 per month per child or more, or as close to that amount as you are able. Every amount counts, and full participation is our goal, so please do what you can, no matter the amount. Of necessity, we also ask for a one-time annual class materials donation of \$100 per student, paid preferably by the end of August.

If you have any questions about the Pledge program or SunRidge’s financial structure in general, please don’t hesitate to ask. Thank you in advance for your commitment and contribution to a quality education for every SunRidge child.

Sincerely,
Mark Rice, Director

2010-11 SunRidge Pledge Commitment—Please return ASAP

Parent Name(s): _____

Child Name(s): _____

I/we will pledge the following amount for the 2010-11 school year:

\$ _____ per child for a total of \$ _____ per month; a total of \$ _____ per year

My pledge commitment will be on the following monthly schedule (please check one):

July –’10 through June ’11 (12 months) September ’10 through June ’11 (10 months)

I also pledge the following annual Materials Cost Donation: \$100 or : _____

• All donations are voluntary, tax-deductible, and non-refundable.